AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 22 of the specification with the following amended paragraph

22:

[00022]   FIG. 3 shows a planar view of the base structure shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, illustrating an ellipsoid shaped concave surface with a symmetric array of ribs <u>with cross sectional cuts 5-5 and 6-6 identified</u>;

Please replace paragraph 23 of the specification with the following amended paragraph

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[00023]   FIG. 4 shows a planar view of the base structure shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, illustrating an ellipsoid shaped concave surface with a symmetric array of ribs ~~with cross sectional cuts 5-5 and 6-6 identified~~;

Please replace paragraph 24 of the specification with the following amended paragraph

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[00024]   FIG. 5 shows a cross section 5-5 of ~~FIG. 4~~ <u>FIG. 3</u>, with the shaded area illustrating the relative thickness of the container wall;

Please replace paragraph 25 of the specification with the following amended paragraph

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[00025]   FIG. 6 shows cross section 6-6 of ~~FIG. 4~~ <u>FIG. 3</u>, with the shaded area illustrating the relative thickness of the container wall; and

Please replace paragraph 31 of the specification with the following amended paragraph

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[00031]   The support heel (21) has an inner and an outer portion, (22) and (23), respectively. The outer portion (23) merges with the container's rectangular sidewalls (20). The inner portion (22) of the annular support heel (21) has an upwardly inclined surface (24), which merges with a central concave wall (25). The support heel (21) can be flexible in the region between the inner portion (22) and the outer portion (23). The support heel (21) can define a cord length X, which extends in a substantially radial direction between the inner portion (22) and the outer portion (23), as shown in FIG. 4. Preferably, the cord length X does not change more by more than about 25% as it extends around the base (4) of the container (1). That is, the cord length at its longest point is preferably no more than 1.25 times the cord length at its shortest point. For example, as show in the embodiment of FIG. 4, the cord length is X at its shortest point and 1.2 times X at its longest point.